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PROPANEDIOL BY A RECOMBINANT
MICRO-ORGANISM IN THE ABSENCE
OF COENZYME B12 OR ONE OF ITS
PRECURSORS

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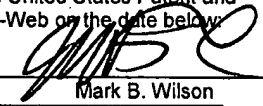
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**I. AMENDMENT; II. RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants herein submit this Amendment in response to the final Office Action dated November 1, 2006, (the "Action"), for which the three-month date for response was February 1, 2007. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is being filed currently herewith. This one-month extension will bring the due date to March 1, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the required extension fee and